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Hon. P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, RM 755  
New York, NY 10007RE: MAN FERROSTAAL, INC. v. M/V STAR  
HARDANGER, *et al.*  
07 CIV 9724 (PKC)  
Our Ref: FS 7948

Hon Sir:

We represent the plaintiff in this marine cargo action. This case was filed November 2, 2007, to comply with the one year statute of limitations prescribed in U.S. COGSA. The case has been scheduled for an initial pretrial conference on Friday, December 7, 2007, at 4:00 P.M.

We have been in contact and have been discussing possible settlement with the defendants directly. We consider settlement may well be obtainable, based on past experience, if the defendants are not required to retain counsel at this time.

Defendants have requested a six (6) month extension to investigate the claim and tender their offer. Accordingly, we respectfully request the initial pretrial conference be adjourned at the Court's discretion to a time convenient for the Court to allow parties to discuss and conclude settlement.

Thank you.

*The initial pretrial conference is  
adjourned to January 18, 2008  
at 11:15 a.m.*

Respectfully,

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*Hon. P. Kevin Castel, U.S.D.J.*

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